

Summer Opportunity for Texas Educators

Improving Instruction Through Assessment



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is conducting teacher institutes this summer to develop online interim and formative assessment items that align to the grades 3-8 math and reading State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®). These assessments will reduce district's need to purchase commercially-based test-prep materials by providing state-developed instructional materials that are fully aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) at no cost.

Interim Assessments

The interim assessments are intended to help schools gauge student progress toward meeting achievement standards. These assessments will be short, computer-adaptive tests for grades 3–8 math and reading that teachers can use at various times throughout the school year. The interim assessments will be available to all Texas public and charter schools to use at their discretion beginning in spring 2018.

Formative Assessments

TEA will also provide districts with a bank of formative assessment questions for grades 3–8 math and reading beginning in spring 2018. This bank of questions will be available for Texas educators to select individual questions from an available pool to create their own assessments, quizzes, or homework.

Teacher Institutes

TEA is encouraging highly-qualified Texas educators to apply. Participants will be trained in item writing and gain a strong understanding of how the STAAR program aligns with the TEKS. The week-long institutes are currently scheduled to be held in Austin at the end of July. Teachers will receive compensation for their work and have their travel, lodging, and meal expenses covered. The application for educators to participate, as well as additional information, will be available in early May on the TEA website. Stay tuned for updates.

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